

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 2 (NY, NJ, PR, and VI)
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM
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Grant Program	Environmental Justice (EJ)	Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention (EJP2)	Sustainable Development Challenge Grant (SDCG)	Solid Waste Management Assistance (SWMA)
Purpose	To provide financial assistance to eligible community groups, and federally recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues.	To empower low income, high minority communities through education on environmental issues and the provision of pollution prevention resources for addressing these issues.	Provide seed money to leverage investment in locally developed, innovative projects which address serious environmental problems through the application of sustainable development strategies.	To foster integrated solid waste management in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
Eligible Applicants	Any affected community group, non-profit organization, university, or tribal government. Organizations must be incorporated to receive funds.	Any nonprofit organization incorporated under IRS tax code 501(c)(3), federally recognized Indian tribal government, state, city, county or local government organization.	Local and state governments, tribes, territories, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations.	Non-profit entities, public authorities (Federal, State, interstate, intrastate, and local), and Indian Tribes.
Award Amount	Up to \$20,000 granted.	Not yet established.	Applicants compete nationally for funding in two categories: 1) \$30,000 to \$100,000; 2) \$100,001 to \$250,000.	Limited by allocation to Region.
Matching Share	No matching share required.	No matching share required.	20% non-federal government matching share required. In-kind contributions may be used to meet this match.	No matching share required.
Timeframe	December to March	Not yet established.	FRN published July 1, 1999; Applications due to EPA-R2 on September 29, 1999.	Pre-proposals submitted in March
Grant Selection Announced	June	Not yet established.	April 2000	August or September
Priorities	<p>Projects that improve the environmental quality of the community by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! having wide application or addressing a high priority issue. ! enhancing skills in addressing EJ issues and problems. ! establishing or expanding information systems for communities. ! facilitating communication, information exchange, & community partnerships. ! motivating the public to be more conscious of EJ issues, leading to action to address those issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! Projects by community based organizations and local governments that improve the environmental quality of affected communities using pollution prevention as a primary solution. ! Proposals that encourage institutionalization & innovative use of pollution prevention as the preferred approach for addressing environmental justice issues, & whose activities and products can be supplied to other communities. ! Cooperative efforts with business/industry to address pollution prevention goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! Promote cooperation and collaboration among citizens, businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and others to develop locally appropriate tools and processes for enhancing environmental quality, economic security and quality of life. ! Encourage community investment in environmental protection through an improved understanding of the connections between a healthy ecosystem and strong economy. ! Catalyze community-based efforts that foster long-term investments in innovative sustainability efforts. ! Identify and design effective models and tools for achieving sustainable solutions to environmental problems that can be widely shared and replicated nationwide. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! Market development for recycling. ! Creating and sustaining Regional and Tribal partnerships. ! Innovative programs for source reduction/reuse, waste prevention, recycling. ! Projects which protect the ecosystem and sensitive populations. ! Projects which are self sustaining after the grant is completed. ! Projects which contribute to solving broad or multi-media environmental concerns. ! Projects fostering closure of open dumps, and ensuring that municipal solid waste landfills meet requirements of 40 CFR Part 258.
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Grant Program	Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)	Community/University Partnership (CUP)	Environmental Education (EE)
Purpose	To enable a group of individuals who are affected by a site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) to obtain technical assistance in interpreting information regarding the site.	To help community groups efficiently address local environmental justice issues through active partnerships with institutions of higher education.	To provide financial support for projects which design, demonstrate or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.
Eligible Applicants	Groups affected by an NPL site. All groups must be incorporated as nonprofit organizations.	Institutions of higher education which have formal partnerships with one or more community group(s).	Local or tribal government education agency, state government education or environmental agency, college, university, nonprofit organization, noncommercial broadcasting entity.
Award Amount	Up to \$50,000 initially; in the case of complex sites, additional funds may be available.	Due to shortage of funds, there is no program for 1999.	Up to \$25,000 granted by regional office; \$25,001-\$250,000 EPA Headquarters
Matching Share	20% non-federal government matching share required; in-kind contributions may be used to meet this match.		25% non-federal government matching share required.
Timeframe	Applications may be submitted after a site is proposed for listing on the NPL.		August - November solicitation; applications due mid November 1999.
Grant Selection Announced	After community notification period (30 to 60 days), application review and processing time, and approval.		Spring
Priorities	<p>! Because only one grant is available for each NPL site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate in order to provide technical assistance to the most widely representative group of individuals possible.</p> <p>! To this end, EPA notifies the community via a public notice in the local newspaper if an application is received from an eligible group.</p>	<p>EPA will emphasize meaningful, fully interactive two-way cooperation between communities and institutions of higher education to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! address environmental justice issues, ! identify pollution sources, ! train residents on their rights and responsibilities, and ! help resolve environmental problems. <p>Through these partnerships, communities will be encouraged to become involved in accessing information from environmental databases, in cleaning up and restoring communities that have environmental insults and in surveying and monitoring environmental quality.</p>	<p>1) All proposals must satisfy the definition of "environmental education" in the current solicitation notice.</p> <p>2) Projects must focus on one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! educating teachers, students or public about environmental health threats especially as they affect children; or ! building state, local or tribal government capacity to develop environmental education (E.E.) programs ! or utilizing E.E. to advance education reform; or ! educating the public about community environmental issues through community based organizations or the media; or. ! improving educators' E.E. teaching skills; or ! educating students about environmental careers; or ! educating low income and culturally diverse audiences about environmental issues.
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Grant Program	Environmental Monitoring for Public Access & Community Tracking (EMPACT)	Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS)	Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots; Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots; Job Training and Development Pilots
Purpose	To establish pilot programs which collect and communicate time-relevant environmental monitoring information so that it can be used to help individuals make informed day-to-day decisions about their health and environment.	To support state agencies in demonstration projects, or in establishing pollution prevention infrastructure in a wide range of sectors.	To empower localities to work with public and private stakeholders to prevent, assess, safely cleanup, and sustainably reuse abandoned, idle or underused properties where real or perceived contamination has impeded development.
Eligible Applicants	Local governments, as defined by 40 CFR Part 31.3, located in one of the 86 EMPACT metropolitan areas. (Note: EMPACT metropolitan areas within Region 2 include: Albany-Schenectady-Troy, Buffalo-Niagara Falls, New York City-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, Rochester, San Juan, and Syracuse.)	States, state agencies & inter-municipalities, territories and possessions. States are encouraged to form partnerships with non-profit organizations and/or local governments.	Political subdivision and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots; existing Assessment Pilots are eligible to apply for Revolving Loan Fund Pilots; non-profit training center, colleges and public entities that serve existing Assessment Pilot areas are eligible to apply for Brownfields Job Training and Development Pilot funds.
Award Amount	Ranges from \$250,000 to \$500,000	No limit. FY'99 Region 2 share \$469,500.	\$200,000 Assessment Pilots (2 yr) \$200,000 Job Training Pilots (2 yr) Up to \$500,000 for Revolving Loan Fund Pilots (5 year).
Matching Share	5% cost sharing required.	50% non-federal government share of project total required.	No matching share required, however competitive projects lever existing brownfields revitalization and job training efforts.
Timeframe	December-April solicitation, Applications due April 8, 1999	2 years	2-5 years depending on particular program.
Grant Selection Announced	September 1999	3 rd quarter of federal fiscal year	
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! Use of new technology or existing innovative technology for time-relevant measurement/ monitoring of environmental data. ! Application of information management, processing and delivery system technologies (including the provision of an Internet homepage for the project). ! Communication of environmental information to the public in an easily understood and readily accessible format. ! Emphasis on a community-based approach. ! Development of partnerships and consortium building. ! Involvement of all relevant stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! Projects targeting areas identified as among the highest in Region 2 environmental risks. ! Programs addressing transfer of potentially harmful pollutants across all media: air, land, & water. ! Technical assistance/ training provided to businesses in source reduction techniques. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ! Counties and cities that are committed to involving effected stakeholders in the identification of priority brownfields, in understanding site conditions, and in developing clean-up and reuse plans. ! Brownfields projects that complement existing community revitalization efforts. ! Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots which test brownfields cleanup revolving loan fund models that direct special efforts toward facilitating coordinated public and private brownfields cleanup efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. ! Job Training Pilots which spur local job creation by training residents in communities impacted by brownfields in the procedures for the handling & removal of hazardous substances, including the application of innovative technologies.
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